THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that a high power TV transmitter is under implementation at Kokrajhar, in replacement of the existing low power transmitter, in Assam. However, there is no scheme to set up any new Doordarshan Kendra (Studio Centre) in North-Eastern Region.

Implementation of CAS

†1730. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether telecast through conditional Access System (CAS) has been fully implemented in Delhi and other big cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of cable operators on the same and the rules formulated for set-top box?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Conditional Access System (CAS) has been implemented in the notified areas of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai. The Government on 31.7.2006 issued two notifications regarding areas covered under CAS Scheme and Cable TV Networks Rules for CAS areas. These notifications are avaialble on the website (www.mib.nic.in) of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

(c) The Government has implemented the revised CAS Scheme after due consultation with Stakeholders *viz.* Broadcasters, Multi System Operators, Cable Operators and Telecom Regulatory Authority of India. The rules dated 31.7.2006 pertaining to Set Top Boxes are available on the Ministry's website as above.

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